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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicant respectfully acknowledges the allowance of claims 27-42. In addition to the Examiner's stated reasons for allowing the claims of the above-identified application, the Applicant respectfully notes that at least the dependent claims also define additional novel and nonobvious subject matter that is independently allowable over the art of record.

Applicant also respectfully believes that there are other reasons for allowability of the independent claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the below listed attorney if he has any questions or needs additional information.

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